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1. (U) TWO OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED MEDIA, THE JAMAICA DAILY NEWS AND THE JAMAICA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (JBC), HAVE RELEASED THE REULTS OF THEIR POLL OF PUBLIC INTENTIONS TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. THE POLL INDICATES THAT IF THE ELECTIONS HAD BEEN HELD ON MARCH 30, THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) WOULD HAVE WON 57 PERCENT OF THE VOTE AND APPROXIMATELY 47 OF THE 60 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS. THIS MASSIVE REARRANGEMENT OF PARLIAMENT (THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY CURRENTLY HOLDS 44 SEATS) WOULD RESULT FROM A 14 PERCENT SWING IN VOTER PREFERENCES SINCE THE 1976 ELECTION. THE LARGEST CHANGE OF

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LOYALTIES HAS COME IN THE KINGSTON AREA WHERE A 21 PERCENT SWING IS INDICATED. (IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT KINGSTON HAD THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF UNDECIDED VOTERS-14 PERCENT.)

2. (LOU) THIS GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED POLL WAS DONE BY LEADING ACADEMICIANS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES AND CORROBORATES THE CARL STONE POLL REPORTED IN REFTEL. THE FACT THAT THE POLL WAS COMMISSIONED BY AND PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT MEDIA, AND STILL GIVES EXTRAORDINARILY GLOOMY PROSPECTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT, GIVES THE POLL CREDIBILITY.

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